**Excavation Safety**

Dig-in (excavation) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is Call Before You Dig.

Both Minnesota and Wisconsin offer a free statewide service (811) that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own before you start digging.

Call 3 business days before digging and provide the requested information to the operator.

One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked AND helps protect you from injury and expense.

**Safe Digging Is No Accident:**
Always Call 811 Before You Dig
Visit call811.com for more information.

**National One Call Number**

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**Pipeline Safety**

A Shared Responsibility

From the Members of:

- Head of the Lakes Natural Gas Group
- ComfortSystems-Duluth
- Superior Water, Light & Power
- Hibbing Public Utilities
- Two Harbors Public Utilities
- Virginia Public Utilities
- Northwest Gas
Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available, but in the unlikely event of a gas leak, a fire or explosion could occur.

We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities by providing information about identifying, reacting to and reporting Gas Leaks.

To insure safety, we comply with applicable Federal and State safety regulations.

What to do If You Suspect a Leak:

- EVACUATE the building or area immediately.
- DO NOT USE telephones (including cell phones), doorbells, light switches, pagers or any other electrical equipment.
- DO NOT START UP or shut down any vehicles, machinery or equipment near the area.
- Travel upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas.
- DO NOT REENTER the area until told it is safe.
- CALL the gas supplier from a safe location—NOT the building where you smell gas.
- DO NOT light a match, operate light switches, garage door openers, appliances, engines, or any other potential sources of ignition.
- DO NOT attempt to control the leak. If the gas is burning - let it.
- KEEP other people out of the area until help arrives.

Gas Leaks Can Cause:

- Hissing noises
- Unusual odor indoors or near the pipeline
- Bubbling in wet or flooded areas
- Dirt being blown into the air
- Dead or discolored vegetation near an underground pipeline
- Abnormally dry or hardened soil
- Fire or explosion involving pipeline facilities

Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous and must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.

24 Hour Emergency Response

- ComfortSystems-Duluth
  218-730-4100

- Superior Water, Light & Power
  715-394-2300

- Hibbing Public Utilities
  218-262-7700

- Two Harbors Public Utilities
  218-834-5631

- Virginia Public Utilities
  218-748-7540

- Northwest Gas
  Northern MN: 800-620-1748
  Southern/Central MN: 800-367-6964